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SUBJECT: OTAIBA VISIT

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1. AS NOTED PARA 1 REFTTEL, IT DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDING THAT OTAIBA COMING TO U.S. ON PRIVATE VISIT. DEPARTMENT CANNOT HANDLE OTAIBA AS OFFICIAL VISITOR. DURING OTAIBA'S LAST VISIT IN 1973 WHEN UAE HAD NO EMBASSY OR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION, DEPARTMENT OBTAINED ASSISTANCE OF PHILIPS PETROLEUM FOR HOTEL, LIMOUSINES, AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. NOW THAT UAE HAS EMBASSY, WE ARE LOOKING TO IT FOR BIG HELPING HAND ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY OUTLAY OF FUNDS.

2. OUR INITIAL CONTACT WITH UAE AMBASSADOR GHOBASH INDICATES THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED BY UAE MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF POSSIBLE OTAIBA VISIT. HE INSISTS THAT WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM MFA, THERE IS NOTHING HE CAN DO TO ASSIST DEPARTMENT ON ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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3. THEREFORE, AS SOON AS WE HAVE WORD THAT OTAIBA IS

COMING, EMBASSY SHOULD CONTACT MFA, EXPLAIN OUR UNDERSTANDING OTAIBA COMING ON PRIVATE VISIT, AND NECESSITY TO

INSTRUCT UAE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO ASSIST IN ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND EXPENSES CONNECTED WITH OTAIBA VISIT. KISSINGER

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